

CITY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting of June 13, 2006
Montgomery Field Airport Lobby**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rick Beach (Special Expertise), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Planning Group), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council), Gerald Blank (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise), Tom Ricotta (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Community Planning Committee), Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field User Group),

MEMBERS ABSENT: Allen Kruse (Brown Field User Group), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant), Cindy Ford (Montgomery Tower).

STAFF PRESENT: Mario Sierra, Mike Tussey, Terry Price, Wayne Reiter, Kristin Camper-Wozniak.

GUESTS: Larry Faast, Eric Germain, Keith James, Joyce James, Vic Moore, Pete Larrabee, Carlos Richardson, Duane Shockey, Bob Basso, Gary Mullen, Jenny Sage, Mike McIntyre, Richard Vernon, J.H. Aldrich, John Barnes, Pete Sigrist, Armond Brattland, R.S. Ryan, Donna Ryan, Jimmy Kennedy, Wally Haliday, Mike Finley, Gustave Schwartz, Bud Booth, Bob Golo, John Jerez, Derrick Cullison, Elizabeth Murray, David Friedman, Donald Hamm.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Fink, who announced that a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 9, 2006 regular meeting and the May 30, 2006 special meeting were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Baker, Chair of the Miramar Technical Advisory Committee, said that she was concerned about the impact on Montgomery Field if Miramar is to be developed as a joint military/air carrier airport.

Eric Germain, Chair of the Tierrasanta Community Council, announced that Council Member Jim Madaffer had organized a town hall meeting that would be held Wednesday night in the Tierrasanta Lutheran Church. The purpose of the meeting is to hear reasons why joint use of Miramar MCAS is not a good idea. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at 11240 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Gerald Blank publicly thanked Billy Davis, Gary Mullen, and Scott Hasson for appearing at the SDRAA meeting on June 5.

4. RECOGNITION

Mike Tussey announced that effective July 1, 2006, the Airports Division would be under the direction of the Real Estates Assets Department. Mr. Tussey expressed his appreciation to Mario Sierra for his leadership while Airports was a part of General Services Department. A sign with a representation of the Airports Division winged logo was presented to Mr. Sierra.

Mr. Tussey announced that the discussion of Flattop and Marigold parking areas would be continued to the next meeting.

Chairman Fink recognized Committee member Kathy Monsour for the refreshments provided at all of the AAC meetings. She was presented with gift certificates to two restaurants.

5. PRESENTATION

Chairman Fink announced that he leases Nichols Field near Otay Lakes from the City Water Department under a 10 year lease with three 5 year options.

Chairman Fink introduced Joyce James from the San Diego Ultralight Association. Ms. James described the organizations activities at Nichols Field. The organization has 88 members, with 40 aircraft and 30 hangars. She said ultralights are compatible with the skydiving operation at Nichols but are not allowed at other airports in the region.

Chairman Fink showed a video overview of the Air Adventures Skydiving operation, which he owns. The company conducts over 45,000 sky-dives a year, half of which are military. He has a contract with the Department of the Navy to conduct training for different military activities. He is requesting that the Committee voice its support for his exercising a 5 year lease option. The issue was referred to the RFP sub-committee to formulate a position on the use of Nichols Field and its relationship to Brown and Montgomery Field. The current policy of the Airports Division is that ultralight aircraft are not allowed at City airports.

Rick Beach said he would like a full discussion on light sport aircraft at the next meeting. Mike Tussey said he would invite Fred Cristlieb of the FAA.

6. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT

Mike Tussey thanked the Committee for its support of the Airports Divisions efforts.

Mr. Tussey reported that Jim Waring had been invited to attend the meeting but would not be able to do so. The new Real Estate Assets Director, Jim Barwick, was out of town and could not attend either.

From Last Meeting

Gerald Blank had previously asked if the recommendation by a department head to the Mayor is public or private information. Whether it is public information or not would depend on the subject matter and the circumstances. Gerald Blank had also asked if light aircraft were allowed to tie down on the Critical Air leasehold. Mr. Tussey said they were authorized.

The only action item to result from the LU&H meeting on May 31 was a directive to create a statement of economic interest for members of the AAC.

Montgomery Field

Mr. Tussey will retain the existing IFR minimums by marking the Taxiway “B” run-up area closed thus protecting the newly enacted Precision Obstacle Free Zone (POFZ).

Work began on Monday for Westport. Completion is expected the third week of July.

A site development permit will be required for Northport. The process, including environmental review, is expected to take 6 to 8 months.

Phase II of the fence project is 99% complete.

The vernal pool restoration project will be re-bid due to a change in scoping. An RFP will be forthcoming.

Permission will be sought from LU&H to negotiate exclusively with Square One for development of the southwest corner.

Progress on the Gibbs RFP (35 acres) is awaiting input from the RFP sub-committee.

Brown Field

Phase one of the electrical project will cost \$800,000 to \$900,000. Total project cost is \$3.4 million. FAA requires a bid opening prior to August 22 to approve the grant for Phase One. The prospects for remainder of the grant funds are uncertain at this time. There was discussion about paying for the balance of the project out of the Airport Enterprise Fund without the benefit of a grant. Mike Tussey said he wasn't sure that there were sufficient funds in the AEF to do that since the auditor has not verified a fund balance. Mario Sierra said he would ask the auditor for a fund balance.

ORW is moving off of Brown Field. Arbitration will begin in July to try to collect back rent.

U.S. Border Patrol has said they will move cars off of the aircraft ramp at Brown but are worried about security of the vehicles.

Thirty-two tenants on the north side of the airport have been asked to relocate.

Jim Waring has asked that a three year solution be sought for Reg Finch and the Flight Museum. Two possible options are being prepared for Mr. Finch.

Gerald Blank asked about the status of EAAs lease. The lease is still in negotiations.

Chuck McGill asked about the status of the Airport Authority's interest in the City airports. Mario Sierra said there was nothing new to report.

It was **moved** and seconded that Mario Sierra be thanked for his outstanding management and service to the City's airports and to general aviation. All voted in favor.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Buzz Gibbs showed conceptual land use plans for both airports that he had prepared. The Montgomery Field concept recommended closing Runway 5/23.

Gerald Blank asked if there was any movement to clarify the status of the AAC since it is a City Manager appointed committee and there is no longer a City Manger. Kristin Camper-Wozniac said that all references to City Manager should be replaced with Mayor.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jackie Ander announced that the new Serra Mesa Library is scheduled to open in August

A show of hands was asked for to indicate who was attending the meeting because it was held in the evening. A substantial majority responded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Montgomery Field on July 11 at 6:00 p.m.

ACTIONS:

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Respectfully submitted,

Terry Price